

gees and displaced persons in all its aspects, including its root causes;

2. *Invites* Governments and international organizations to intensify their co-operation and assistance in world-wide efforts to address the serious problem of mass exoduses of refugees and displaced persons;

3. *Welcomes* the special interest which the Secretary-General has taken in this question, and reiterates its request to him to follow closely developments in the field of human rights and mass exoduses;

4. *Encourages* the efforts being undertaken by the Secretary-General to enable the United Nations to anticipate and react more adequately and speedily to cases requiring humanitarian assistance, as mentioned in the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization<sup>140</sup> submitted to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session;

5. *Invites* the Commission on Human Rights to keep the question of human rights and mass exoduses under review with a view to making appropriate recommendations concerning the further measures to be taken in this matter;

6. *Decides* to review the question of human rights and mass exoduses at its forty-second session.

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#### 41/149. Human rights in the administration of justice

*The General Assembly,*

*Guided* by the principles embodied in articles 3, 5, 9, 10 and 11 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,<sup>2</sup> as well as the relevant provisions of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,<sup>22</sup> in particular article 6, which explicitly states that no one shall be arbitrarily deprived of his life,

*Guided also* by the relevant principles embodied in the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment<sup>141</sup> and in the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination,<sup>3</sup>

*Calling attention* to the Declaration of Basic Principles of Justice for Victims of Crime and Abuse of Power<sup>142</sup> and the safeguards guaranteeing protection of the rights of those facing the death penalty, approved by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1984/50 of 25 May 1984 and endorsed by the Seventh United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders,<sup>143</sup>

*Calling attention also* to the Basic Principles on the Independence of the Judiciary,<sup>144</sup> the Code of Conduct for Law Enforcement Officials<sup>117</sup> and the Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners,<sup>145</sup>

*Considering* the importance of progress with regard to the draft Body of Principles for the Protection of All Persons under Any Form of Detention or Imprisonment,

*Recalling* its resolutions 2858 (XXVI) of 20 December 1971, 3144 (XXVIII) of 14 December 1973 and 40/146 of 13 December 1985 on human rights in the administration of justice,

*Acknowledging* the important work accomplished by the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control at its ninth session and by the Economic and Social Council, as reflected in Council resolution 1986/10 of 21 May 1986,

*Convinced* of the need for further co-ordinated and concerted action in promoting respect for human rights in the administration of justice,

1. *Deplores* the continued use of cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, prohibited under international law, and strongly condemns the practice of summary or arbitrary executions;

2. *Welcomes* the recommendations made by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1986/10 on the more effective application of the Declaration of Basic Principles of Justice for Victims of Crime and Abuse of Power, the Basic Principles on the Independence of the Judiciary, the Code of Conduct for Law Enforcement Officials and the safeguards guaranteeing protection of the rights of those facing the death penalty;

3. *Welcomes also* the recommendations made by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1986/10 on the prevention and investigation of extra-legal, arbitrary or summary executions and on new developments in the area of human rights in criminal justice and international co-operation, including the role of lawyers and model agreements in criminal justice;

4. *Encourages* the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities of the Commission on Human Rights to give urgent consideration to the issue of the independence and impartiality of the judiciary, jurors and assessors and the independence of lawyers, taking into account the report of its Special Rapporteur on this subject;<sup>146</sup>

5. *Reiterates its call* upon Member States to spare no effort in providing for adequate mechanisms, procedures and resources so as to ensure the more effective implementation of existing standards, both in legislation and in practice;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to assist Member States, at their request, in implementing these standards;

7. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to continue to employ his best endeavours in cases where the safeguards guaranteeing protection of the rights of those facing the death penalty are violated and to give his full support to the Special Rapporteur of the Sub-Commission so as to permit him to respond effectively to such violations and to promote the safeguards;

8. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council and, through it, the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control to keep these matters under constant review and to continue to give special attention to effective ways and means of implementing existing standards and to new developments in this area;

9. *Invites* the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system, as well as intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations concerned, to continue to co-operate with the Secretary-General in these endeavours;

<sup>140</sup> *Ibid.*, Thirty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 1 (A/39/1).

<sup>141</sup> Resolution 39/46, annex.

<sup>142</sup> Resolution 40/34, annex.

<sup>143</sup> See *Seventh United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders*, Milan, 26 August-6 September 1985: report prepared by the Secretariat (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.86.IV.1), chap. I, sect. E.15.

<sup>144</sup> *Ibid.*, sect. D.2.

<sup>145</sup> *First United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders*, Geneva, 22 August-3 September 1955: report prepared by the Secretariat (United Nations publication, Sales No. 1956.IV.4), annex I.A.

<sup>146</sup> E/CN.4/Sub.2/1985/18 and Add.1-6.

10. *Decides* to consider at its forty-second session the question of human rights in the administration of justice.

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#### 41/150. Fortieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

*The General Assembly,*

*Considering* that the year 1988 will mark the fortieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,<sup>2</sup> which, conceived as a common standard of achievement for all peoples and all nations and having provided the basis for the development of the International Covenants on Human Rights,<sup>24</sup> has been and rightly continues to be a fundamental source of inspiration for national and international efforts for the protection and promotion of human rights and fundamental freedoms,

*Recalling*, in this respect, its resolution 217 A (III) of 10 December 1948, by which it officially proclaimed the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and its resolution 36/169 of 16 December 1981, concerning the observance of the thirty-fifth anniversary of the Declaration, as well as its resolution 38/57 of 9 December 1983, relating to the thirty-fifth anniversary of the Declaration,

*Convinced* of the continuing need to promote the universal observance and enjoyment of human rights, which contribute to peaceful and friendly relations among nations,

1. *Decides* to celebrate in 1988 the fortieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;

2. *Invites* Member States, the specialized agencies, regional intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations to take appropriate measures, such as those set forth in the annex to the present resolution, and to support appropriate activities aimed at encouraging the promotion of the universal observance and enjoyment of civil and political rights, as well as economic, social and cultural rights;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to consider including in his proposed programme budget for the biennium 1988-1989 appropriate activities, such as those indicated in the annex to the present resolution, to celebrate the fortieth anniversary of the Declaration;

4. *Requests* the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat to disseminate appropriate public information, broadcasting and audio-visual material designed to draw attention to, and emphasize the importance of, the Declaration and the role played and the work done by the United Nations to ensure the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

5. *Invites* the United Nations Postal Administration to issue commemorative postage stamps on the occasion of the fortieth anniversary of the Declaration;

6. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-third session an item entitled "Fortieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights";

7. *Further decides* to devote one plenary meeting during its forty-third session to the celebration of the fortieth anniversary of the Declaration, which falls on 10 December 1988, and requests the Secretary-General to make the necessary preparations for the programme of that meeting.

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#### ANNEX

##### Recommended measures for the celebration of the fortieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

1. The following measures are recommended for possible action at the national level:

(a) Formal proclamation of 10 December 1988 as Human Rights Day;

(b) Issuance of special messages on 10 December 1988 by heads of State or Government or other prominent civil personalities;

(c) Special meetings of parliamentary and other public and private institutions on Human Rights Day;

(d) Special consideration by States which have not yet ratified or acceded to the international instruments of the United Nations in the field of human rights to become parties to those instruments;

(e) Establishment or strengthening of national or local institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights and encouragement of teaching programmes on human rights at various educational levels;

(f) Dissemination of the text of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in national languages, including the languages of minorities;

(g) Issuance during 1988 of human rights postage stamps, first-day covers and special cancellations;

(h) Participation by non-governmental organizations in the celebration of the anniversary, and the organization of activities by such organizations;

(i) Organization of activities within the framework and in support of current decades and international years being prepared on human rights issues.

2. It is recommended that the following measures, among others, should be taken by the Secretary-General at the United Nations level:

(a) Issuance by 10 December 1988 of updated versions in all official languages of the United Nations of the publication entitled *Human Rights: A Compilation of International Instruments*,<sup>113</sup>

(b) Issuance by 10 December 1988 of updated versions in all official languages of the United Nations of the publication entitled *United Nations Action in the Field of Human Rights*,<sup>147</sup>

(c) Organization of commemorative events, as in past practice, at United Nations Headquarters and at the United Nations Offices at Geneva and Vienna, as well as at Nairobi and at United Nations information centres, on or around 10 December 1988;

(d) Organization in 1988, within the framework of the programme of advisory services in the field of human rights, of an international seminar on the teaching of human rights;

(e) Adoption of arrangements for the award of human rights prizes, as envisaged in recommendation C of the annex to General Assembly resolution 2217 A (XXI) of 19 December 1966.

#### 41/151. Measures to improve the situation and ensure the human rights and dignity of all migrant workers

*The General Assembly,*

*Reaffirming once more* the permanent validity of the principles and standards set forth in the basic instruments regarding the international protection of human rights, in particular in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,<sup>2</sup> the International Covenants on Human Rights,<sup>24</sup> the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination<sup>3</sup> and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women,<sup>60</sup>

*Bearing in mind* the principles and standards established within the framework of the International Labour Organisation and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, and the importance of the task carried out in connection with migrant workers and their

<sup>147</sup> United Nations publication, Sales No. E.83.XIV.2.